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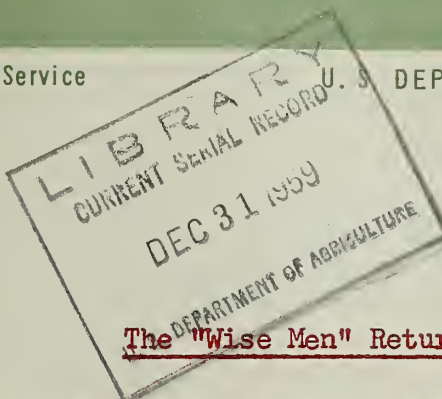
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The "Wise Men" Return

The Biblical story of the Three Wise Men is enshrined deeply in our traditions. They came out of the East to bring gifts and praises to the Christ Child. In our generation, they symbolize new hope and new light for a weary world.

This year, at Christmas-tide, four young "Latter-Day Wise Men" have returned to the East, and with them, four young "Wise Women." These eight, with two leaders, have traveled to far off India as special ambassadors--your 4-H ambassadors--of wisdom and good will. They are your ambassadors because you prepared them with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they needed for this important task. Yours, too, because they will show and tell millions of people about the work you do, the help you give, and the things that 4-H stands for. They are a featured exhibit for two months at the first World Agricultural Fair in New Delhi, India, December 4, 1959 - February 14, 1960.

These "Latter-day Wise Men" traveled not on camels, but high in the air among the angels. They bear gifts--of friendship and love. They are saying wise words about science and the arts, about the good life they live--in freedom and affluence--about the hopes we have for peace in our time. They are returning some of the cups of sugar that we have borrowed from earlier civilizations. May we each share in the joy of knowing that latter-day wise men have no less a place in the building of a better world.

The Nameless Saints

The healing of the world
Is in the nameless saints.
Each separate star
Seems nothing, but a myriad
scattered stars
Break up the night, and make
it beautiful.

--E. B. Browning



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

"Helping Young Americans Grow in Freedom" will challenge the White House Conference on Children and Youth, scheduled for March 27 to April 2. Many of you are already actively working on committees channeling into this important national meeting.

A White House Conference has been called by successive Presidents of the United States since the days of President Theodore Roosevelt. The 1960 conference will survey the whole range of problems affecting American youth and their opportunity to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity. The two main approaches will be (1) the outside influences on the young person, and (2) the needs and problems of youth from a personal and individual standpoint.

The 7,000 participants in the Golden Anniversary Conference will be divided into 210 working groups, considering 67 different subjects. The inter-disciplinary approach being planned means that problems will be handled from many viewpoints at once, rather than one aspect at a time.

Participants in the conference will be broadly representative of urban and rural residents, youth, minority groups, business and labor, and the varied social and economic groups comprising our population. Some 500 different national organizations are now affiliated with the conference. As one of the cooperating groups, 4-H nationally has a quota of four members, one YMW participant, and two adults. On advice of the Subcommittee, our delegates were selected from the nominees sent in for the World Agricultural Fair. We anticipate, however, that many State 4-H workers and 4-H members will be coming in on State quotas.

Many State extension workers are taking significant roles in the 55 Governor-appointed State and Territorial Committees. Examples of this participation include:

Georgia - Tommy Walton is chairman of the Youth Participation Committee. Under his leadership, interested organizations sent two youth delegates to a "Little White House Conference" at Athens in late September. A 4-H'er, Dan Minchew, made an outstanding presentation at this meeting.

Minnesota - JoAnne Thomas, last year's president of the Minnesota Youth Federation, has been nominated as a potential candidate from the State. Selection of the delegates is being handled by the Minnesota Youth Conservation Commission. Leonard Harkness and staff are giving full cooperation to the White House effort.

Connecticut - Nine 4-H members participated in a planning conference, September 26, in Hartford. In advance of the meeting, Maurice Hill and Noreen Ray held an orientation period with the group. At least one 4-H member has been nominated to attend the conference in Washington.

Nevada - Ray Cox heads the Youth Project Committee of the Nevada White House Conference. County committees are organized in all counties. At the discussions, youth identified the following as their most common problems:

1. Need better understanding of youth by adults.
2. Our parents do not understand us.

3. We need the cooperation of adults.
4. There is a lack of religious training in the home.
5. We need counseling in obtaining and holding jobs.
6. We need more responsibility.
7. We have plenty to do in our county but all the programs are planned for us. Why can't we assist in planning the programs?
8. There is no value placed in our judgment.
9. We are all being tagged juvenile delinquents when we reach the age of 13. Poor publicity results in pointing shame at many because of misbehavior of few.
10. There is lack of family togetherness.
11. Narcotics are easily procured.
12. Lack of enforcement of liquor laws.
13. Many come from broken homes.
14. Parents and other adults set poor examples.
15. Shortage of good teachers, overcrowded conditions and a lack of counseling in our schools.

The Nevada committee is recommending that a properly financed conference of youth be an annual event for the State.

California - The State 4-H Convention discussions centered around two of the topics suggested for the White House Conference: "The Values and Ideals of Our Society," and "The Effects on The Development of Children and Youth of the Rapid Changes in This Country and The World". Eight hundred young people took part in the discussion. Adult volunteer leaders had separate discussions on the same topics.

Texas - 4-H Clubs of the State are conducting a study of the problems of the shift between rural and urban communities. A Little White House Conference is to be held December 5.

Alabama - Mrs. Elta Majors, Family Life Specialist, is State Chairman. Home demonstration groups are spearheading discussions related to topics of the White House Conference.

Alaska - Marion Larson is one of the eight committee members spearheading surveying the situation of youth and making recommendations for future programs for the youth of the many varied backgrounds found in this huge new State. Their committee report was one of the earliest and most complete that we have studied.

New Hampshire - Jesse James is a member of the State Committee and heads the State Youth Project. This group made a study of the interests, concerns and needs of several hundred youth early this summer. The results are now serving as the basis for continuing study and recommendations for action.

Extension Discussion Groups - Many of you are asking if some special sessions will be held for Extension workers attending the White House Conference. This is currently being explored. Either a pre-conference or a post-conference will be likely be planned. This might crystallize the implications for Extension

Your recommendations on this will be welcome. Also, we will appreciate your keeping us advised of work in your State and if you plan or desire to attend.

4-H AT THE FIRST WORLD'S AGRICULTURAL FAIR

We can be proud of the India-bound 4-H group which left Washington, November 27. They include: Patricia Ann Bottomley, Minn.; Paul Hendrick, Fla.; Kenneth C. Kehrer, Conn.; Kay Emiko Mihata, Hawaii; Nancy E. Nesbitt, N. Y.; Rebecca J. Passmore, Tenn.; Stanley B. Stewart, Calif.; Ferdinand A. Thar, Mich.; and the two advisors--Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey P. Lang, Pa.

This team of eight 4-H Club members and two advisors participating in the Fair should provide opportunity for 4-H promotion even to the States not directly represented. To provide the most complete coverage and service, Ted Hutchcroft and the National 4-H Foundation will be handling the information program while the group is in India and upon their return. Your Extension editor has been asked to indicate needs for tape service, written copy, pictures and the like.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

The annual report of the People-to-People Committee recognizes the good work being done through 4-H Clubs. That same report closes with a quote from Ambassador George V. Allen, Director of the United States Information Agency:

"Building international understanding is the safest, surest, and perhaps the only way to avoid war. People everywhere want peace, but until recently, they have lacked an adequate channel through which to make their wants known to people in other countries. Now there is a way to do so. If people want to, they can go far toward taking the conduct of foreign affairs into their own hands, acting through their municipal associations, local clubs or societies. Let no one complain that his government is handling foreign affairs or propaganda badly unless he himself is doing what he can, through direct action, to establish and maintain good relations overseas."

Warren Schmidt advises that there has been a nice response to the 4-H CARE (Mexico) Project. This is a good demonstration that the idea of People-to-People really works. The CARE organization reports that already 4-H Club members and leaders from these States have made a contribution to the 4-H CARE (Mexico) Project: Calif., Kans., Wis., N. Y., Mich., Ill., Mo., Ohio, S. Dak., Va., and Fla.

DANFORTH FOUNDATION MAKES \$375,000 GRANT FOR SUPPORT OF IFYE PROGRAM

A grant of \$375,000 has been made by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis to the National 4-H Club Foundation for support of the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. Funds will be made available over a five-year period, starting in 1960 and providing for a minimum of 100 two-way youth exchanges annually. A total of \$125,000 from the grant will be available for the exchange program during 1960. Other funds, as you know, to support a continuation of the IFYE program are to come from money to be raised by the National 4-H Club Foundation and locally.

This is the second large grant made by the Danforth Foundation to the National 4-H Club Foundation. In 1957, the National 4-H Center was given \$200,000 for its renovation and remodeling program. A bronze statue symbolic of American youth was later presented to the Center and stands in its Danforth Court.

YOUTH WORK IN POLAND

On October 14, some of the IFYE staff and our staff had the honor and privilege of meeting with a distinguished group from Poland, including the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Our purpose was to discuss proposals for instigation of an IFYE program with Poland. In the course of these conversations, we were advised by Professor Dembinski that the program of 4-H Club work in Poland which served 70,000 young people, 16 to 25 years of age before World War II, is now being reactivated.

FARM-CITY WEEK

Youth will have an important part in the Farm-City Week activities in the greater Washington area during the next year. At a special events luncheon of the Farm-City Week Committee, young people representing the various youth groups highlighted plans for their respective groups for strengthening rural-urban understanding. A youth cabinet, with representatives of the various youth organizations, was formed to carry out one or more activities in which all youth groups may share. We were pleased that Kenneth Libby, a 4-H Club member from Prince Georges County, Md., was selected as chairman. Other groups having representation in the cabinet were: FFA, National Grange, Distribute Education, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Campfire Girls, Boys Clubs of America.

DAIRY JUDGING

The Maryland 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Team again won the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held annually at Waterloo, Iowa. This is a feat started in 1922, when a Maryland team won a national contest and was given the opportunity to represent the United States in an international contest in England. The team this year placed first in three of the breeds and second in another. Other States placing high in the contest were: North Carolina, second; New York, third; Illinois, fourth; and Pennsylvania, fifth.

NEW INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REGULATIONS

The June 26, 1959, issue of the Federal Register contains significant new interpretations and regulations which relate to the income tax exemption status of nonprofit organizations and foundations. Some new interpretations and some new administrative regulations regarding reporting and justification of tax exemption status are included in this three-page section under title 26, IR (Internal Revenue), 1954, page 5217. 4-H Club Foundations and service groups incorporated on a national, State or county basis would be affected by this ruling. We recommend that you get copies from your own university administrative office.

CHAPTER SUPPLY COMPANY NO LONGER HAS 4-H AUTHORIZATION

We have had called to our attention multilithed circulars from the Chapter Supply Company at Danville, Ill., offering to supply regalia and awards items with the name and emblem of 4-H Club work. Apparently a recent circular was sent to county extension agents.

We regret to inform you that the Chapter Supply Company no longer holds an authorization for the use of the name and emblem of 4-H Club work. We suggest that you advise your county extension workers accordingly.

WORK CONFERENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF PRIVATE SUPPORT IN 4-H

Director J. O. Knapp has mailed the program for the work conference on private support. This is being held January 11-13 at Purdue University with Director Knapp as chairman. Participants in the program will be persons concerned with administrative and program responsibility for 4-H Club work and officers of State 4-H Foundations, State 4-H Camps, etc. Luke Schruben and Ed Aiton will be program participants from FES.

YOUTH ISSUE OF EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW - May 1960

The May issue of Extension Service Review will again feature 4-H Club work. We invite your suggestions about its content and specific articles that could come from your State.

During the year ahead, the Review is going to stress know the audience--know their needs. This will be told in terms or resultant changes in program and methods to better serve.

A REPLY
PLEASE

In the 4-H issue we will emphasize the new theme "Learn - Live - Serve Through 4-H" and tell that "things are happening in 4-H."

Here's your chance to alert us to program adjustments in your State that would be of interest to extension workers throughout the Nation.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN USE IN THE STATES

LEADER AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Alaska - Staff Training

One of the program numbers of the Annual Extension Conference in Alaska was a workshop on leadership development. An interesting feature of the conference was the fact that most of the Experiment Station personnel took part in the Conference.

Arkansas - 4-H Projection

The State club staff had four classes daily on 4-H work in the week's In-Service Training Program for Extension Agents. Main topics were: the principles in Senior 4-H projects, teaching leaders the values of group projects for senior members, prerequisites of efficient leader training, what a leader training program should include. One of the features that attracted much attention was program projections for 1985. Some of these were 50 clubs per county; small clubs, 6 to 25 members; one main leader plus 5 to 8 project leaders per club; leader training meetings per county per year--8 for main leader--10 for project leader; 20 per year for agents to conduct.

Florida - Moves Ahead In Leadership Development

Special efforts are being made in six pilot counties to help them develop systematic leadership recruitment and training. More and more community clubs under local leadership are tending to be formed with the idea that 4-H is a joint extension-community responsibility.

In November at a one-day training meeting for all agents from these six counties each agent went home with specific training and materials for a county leader training meeting on "understanding young people." Other topics where teaching guides and related materials were provided included demonstrations, making club meetings better, planning yearly club program, improving events and exhibits, and recreation

Indiana - 4-H Horse and Pony Leaders' and Judges School

Indiana is planning their second annual 4-H Leaders and Judges School for the 4-H Horse and Pony Project in 1960. Eighty enthusiastic leaders attended the clinic in 1959 and they are expecting increased participation next year.

Illinois sent staff members to the 1959 school and are planning their own for 1960.

Louisiana - Pre-Camp Planning

A series of one-day pre-camp training and planning meetings are in the schedule for agents and State staff members in all districts next spring. Forenoon sessions will include training in philosophy and objectives of camping in relation to the developmental needs of youth. Afternoon sessions will be devoted to working out specific plans and assignments for the various encampments. Preliminary to this, a training meeting for State supervisors and program leaders was held October 31.

North Dakota - State Council of Volunteer Leaders

For some time the State 4-H staff and specialists have conducted a three-day conference of volunteer leaders (one leader from each county) to gather suggestions and ideas for improving the 4-H program. This November, the group took a more specific assignment and worked on ideas and suggestions in four areas with the idea of coming out with materials for four publications in the State. The areas were: (1) A 4-H parents program, (2) objectives and philosophy of 4-H, (3) plan and function of a 4-H Council, and (4) a leader training program.

Oregon - Let's Strengthen Our Local Leader Training Program

A series of three district agent conferences were held with all agents who do 4-H club work taking part in one of the series. The conference provided subject matter and suggestions of visuals for various phases of a total leader training program. The 4-H club staff, the supervisory teams, the family life specialist and the director participated in the conference.

New York - Training For Agents Combines Agricultural Engineering Projects

A three-day 4-H Agricultural Engineering Agent Training School included both recent research information and "How-to-do-it" type of information. One day was devoted to the electric program, one-half day to the handyman program, one-half day to the tractor program and one-half day to other engineering projects such as lawn mowers, bicycle, automotive and fire prevention and control. In addition to the 4-H agricultural engineers and representatives of the 4-H State leaders, resident and research staff members, county 4-H club agents and industry people participated.

New York - Orientation Program

Many States have good orientation guides for new county personnel. We would like to congratulate Bill Pease, State 4-H Club leader in New York, for the comprehensive set of orientation materials he developed for a new member of the State 4-H Club leader staff to supplement by a series of personal conferences.

OLDER 4-H AND YMW

Michigan - A City-Rural Youth Conference

The first annual Michigan City-Rural Youth Conference was an outgrowth of a large State delegation who attended Rural Youth of U.S.A. Planned by a committee of 12 various youth-serving organizations, it had a theme of "Bridging The River CRY (City-Rural Youth). Attendance check showed one-third were farm youth, one-third city, and one-third suburban youth. A large flannel bridge was built during the conference. At the close, all present were named graduate engineers for building city-rural bridges of understanding.

Indiana - Operation Brainpower

Many State Extension Services are starting aggressive programs to encourage bright boys and girls in rural areas to enroll in the schools of agriculture and home economics. Purdue University invited such a group to "Opportunity Day". The prospective students were brought to the campus by Purdue Agricultural Alumni members. The President of the University and the Dean of Agriculture greeted the group and answered questions. This was followed by tours to classrooms where they met selected faculty members. Later they were shown where students play and live. The "wind-up" session was with the Resident Dean. They were given a packet of materials on career selection, course information, etc. The closing event was attending the Purdue-Michigan basketball game.

At the 1958 "Operation Brainpower" where 451 students were brought to the campus by 100 Purdue alumni, 336 were 4-H members, 67 percent ranked in the upper one-third of their class, 98 percent in the upper two-thirds. Of the group, 331 lived on farms. Goal for 1959 is 1,000 students at "Opportunity Day" which is December 29.

Texas - Telling 4-H About College Opportunities

Texas offers us an example on how land-grant college information channeled directly to 4-H members can boost the enrollment in the schools of agriculture and home economics. Dr. G. M. Watkins, Dean of the School of Agriculture at Texas A & M, has reported that pre-registration showed enrollment in the School of Agriculture will be up about 23 percent this year. He contributes much of this increase to the work which Extension has done with senior 4-H members.

Illinois - Senior 4-H Programs

A recent issue of the Peoria County, Illinois, newsletter for older youth reminds us of a growing trend. This monthly paper is written, mimeographed and mailed in one evening's effort by the youths themselves.

Louisiana - Marketing Experience for 4-H Yam Growers

Eight Louisiana yam growers will be following a carload of their prize yams to the Milwaukee market. This is a new 4-H marketing activity which has been planned by the State 4-H staff and Joseph Montelaro.

Minnesota - Minnesota Emphasizes Clean Grain

Through an organized 4-H Clean Grain program, several 4-H clubs and youth in that State have received educational trips to the Minneapolis grain exchange and grain marketing facilities. Members conducted annual grain storage surveys and clean-up campaigns. They sprayed granaries, maintained several hundred rat bait stations, gave demonstrations, made posters and wrote news stories on the how and why of keeping grain clean.

New York - Educational Tour for Top 4-H Tractor Operators

From nearly 90 4-H tractor operators in the State contest at the New York State Fair this year, the top 12 contestants received an educational tour. The tour was built around the Eastern United States 4-H Tractor Operators Contest, Richmond, Va. In addition to participating in the educational features of this event, the group toured Washington, Gettysburg, Mount Vernon and a farm machinery manufacturing plant. We were pleased to have the U.S.D.A. and Federal Extension Service included in the visit to our Nation's Capital.

STATE FOUNDATIONS

North Dakota - State Foundation Completed

A State Foundation has been formed to accept funds that organizations and individuals may wish to contribute toward the advancement of youth in the 4-H program. Twenty-eight counties had representatives at the foundation meeting.

Texas - 4-H Club Recognition Committee - Six Point Program

Recently the Texas 4-H Recognition Committee (this is the equivalent of a State 4-H Foundation in most States) approved a six point program to support

4-H Club work in the State. This six point program taking an estimated budget of \$28,500 dollars, includes:

- I. Texas 4-H Round-up will be accomplished in June 1960.
- II. 4-H Adult Leader Development in the fall of 1960.
- III. International Farm Youth Exchange in the spring and summer of 1961.
- IV. 4-H Representation in Designated State and National Activities in 1960.
- V. Citizenship Training at National 4-H Center in 1961.
- VI. State 4-H Club Congress in summer of 1962.

HEALTH, SAFETY, NUTRITION

Connecticut - Agent Training on Teen-age Nutrition and Physical Fitness

An agent training conference in September focused on physical fitness and teen-age nutrition. Basic information was from the study done in Connecticut on physical fitness and on nutrition research study. Agents planned how local committees could help in meeting existing problems.

New Hampshire - Improving Teen-age Nutrition

Three recent activities included revising the 4-H Leaders' Guide for food projects to include more nutrition information, arranging exhibits and displays for the State teen-age conference and setting up display of 4-H health materials at the New Hampshire Social Welfare Council.

Hillsborough County, N. H., held a 4-H Foods Day starting with a general session on "Mind Your P's and Q's (Problems and Cues) in Meal Planning," next came a choice of four different workshops. After-lunch activities were "Eye Openers in Food Buying", and a food judging workshop.

West Virginia - Health and Safety Themes

"Body in Line--Posture Fine" and "Safety at Home" will spark the activity programs in these two important areas. Appropriate program materials are available for clubs who include either of these in their program.

SHARING WITH THE PUBLIC

Michigan - T.V. for a People-to-People Program called "Excursion"

This was an evening packed full of experiences concerning a foreign country. Mr. Phillips Foster, Extension Specialist in Agricultural Economics, has set up plans for six such programs. First excursion was to Japan, next will be to Egypt. The program uses mass media, IFYE alumni, foreign students on campus and others to have an experience that is different. Thirty clubs registered to participate in the first excursion program.

North Carolina - Registration of Former 4-H'ers

A "Big Book" was featured at the State Fair where all former 4-H and demonstration club members were invited to register. Wide publicity was

given throughout the State. No permanent records have been kept during the past 50 years and during that time some 1,500,000 North Carolinians have belonged to the program.

Oklahoma - 50th Anniversary Spectacular

Oklahoma's 50th anniversary in 4-H celebration included a gala week-long birthday party during the State Fair. Tuesday was set aside for a big 4-H event in which an 8-foot tall, 300-pound cake, plus hundreds of smaller cakes brought in by Fair goers, was served to outstanding citizens and supporters of 4-H Club work.

Vermont - Exhibits on 4-H Wood Products Show

The Vermont Wood Products Show, which is held concurrently with the State Forest Festival Week, gave special recognition to 4-H Club work. A series of award-winning 4-H exhibits depicted phases of the 4-H Forestry Program.

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YOUR USE

Leads for Leaders - Understanding Youth

South Dakota conducted a meaningful training program on this topic. Their program materials are shared with you as No. 10 in the "Leads for Leaders" series. It is an example both of basic content and of involvement techniques.

"Extension Supervision Study Report" (One copy per State)

This is one of the really significant bulletins that deserves our keen study in the effort to understand our roles as supervisors. This was a part of the study program of Dr. Mary Louise Collings.

State Distribution Officers have had copies so you may already have seen it. Sorry we cannot supply a copy for each of you. Those who are particularly interested could check with your State Publications Distribution Officer.

"Keeping Abreast of Change In The Rural Community" (AIB 215)

You have already had the mimeographed material by Phil Aylesworth. Here is the slightly revised copy. It has had tremendous requests. Many of you used this material in National Conference discussions last June. Additional copies are available by purchase only from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at 10 cents per copy with the usual discount of 25 percent for 100 or more copies.

"4-H Club Activities in the Republic of Korea" (One per State)

We were able to get a limited number of this visualized report of 4-H work in Korea. Those States who sent friendship offerings to Korea will be especially interested in the report of what these materials meant.

"Listing of Publications about 4-H Clubs"

The Federal Extension Service helped the Superintendent of Documents prepare a list of sale publications about 4-H Clubs. At our suggestion, the list has been divided into publications of interest to the member, the leader, the county agent, and the general public.

The Superintendent of Documents has mailed this list to 700,000 people in varying fields of interest. They would like to send the list to county staff members and to local leaders. Extra copies have been printed for that purpose. They are free. If you want more copies of this list to send to local leaders, we suggest that you submit your order through your publication distribution officer.

But please note this point: If the local leaders wish to purchase copies of the publications listed, they should send the order form and a check or money order to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.. DO NOT SEND ORDERS TO THIS OFFICE.

Also, please note: If your State 4-H office wishes to purchase copies of bulletins please order through your State Publication Distribution Officer as explained in Mr. Schruben's letter to State extension directors, May 29, 1956.

The 11th Year of Work - Interdepartmental Committee on Children and Youth

This is a report well worth your study. It telescopes a year's discussions of a committee which includes representatives of all segments of Government having something to do with the welfare of children and youth. Through this medium of exchange, we, as your representatives here in Washington, pool our thinking and help to interweave agriculture's efforts with that of other groups. You will note beginning on page 48 a program where Extension representatives explained our current programs. Those of you who plan to attend the White House Conference will be particularly interested in the statement of relationships of this committee to the Conference.

"Some Washington Teen-Agers Speak"

This is a summary of findings of youth studies in several counties. It deals with attitudes of young people toward community programs as well as occupational explorations.

"Knowing Your Community"

A publication prepared by Western Illinois University in cooperation with the A.I.C. in the Illinois Council of Community Schools, has been provided for your reference by Howard McClarren of A.I.C. The materials have been prepared primarily to assist teachers in using community resources in educating elementary school pupils. If you should want copies of this publication, please contact your State Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

"Self-Training Unit on Child-Labor Laws for Youth Placement Workers" (Bul. 202) "Some Facts for Youth Workers about Work and Labor Laws" (Bul. 208)"

Both of these are enclosed and provided by the Bureau of Labor Standards, Department of Labor. A confident knowledge of the regulations reduces frustrations.

and expedites placement of young people on jobs. A limited number of free copies are available from the Bureau of Labor Standards, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

Bulletin 208 is addressed to youth. Illustrated by line drawings, this bulletin explains what employers expect of a worker and gives an overall view of the laws that affect workers in general. Free copies of Bulletin 208 are also available from the Bureau of Labor Standards as long as the supply lasts.

"Young Workers Under 18 - 1958 Supplement"

To help you with your career exploration programs, there will be 14.3 million boys and girls 14 through 17 years of age in the United States. Of this number, it is estimated that 4,000,000 will be in the Nation's labor force. If we are to be successful in coping with the problems of youth, we must be able to penetrate the mass of millions of young people and focus our attention on the problems of the individual boy and girl. More youth must have a chance at jobs for which they can be trained and which they are capable of doing. Extension has an obligation in this area.

Tear Sheet on "A Career for You in Home Economics" (One per State)

Sallie Hill has started a new career series in Progressive Farmer. This is somewhat complementary to the fine materials prepared by Romaine Smith of the same magazine. We asked Miss Hill to supply a copy of her first article. Perhaps later on, the whole series will be incorporated into some sort of guide.

"Should You Be A Home Economist" (One per State)

This is another in the career series from New York Life Insurance Company. This is sent as an information copy. Additional copies may be ordered from the Company if you see a need for them. Most States are eagerly watching for materials in the area of career exploration.

"A Career in Agriculture" (One per State)

Dr. L. B. Dietrick, Dean of Agriculture at V.P.I., wrote an editorial recently in the Virginia Extension Service Review which paints a real picture and gives some factual information on why we should give more emphasis on career exploration in 4-H work.

"Where Research Is Leading"

We felt you would like to read the stimulating talk made by Mr. Thomas M. Rivers at a conference of national organization leaders in September.

"4-H In Action" - North Carolina (One per State)

This was mentioned in a previous letter. North Carolina has generously provided a copy for each State.

"Entomology and Youth"

The Entomological Society of America asked a good friend of 4-H, Paul Mayfield, to highlight youth's interest in entomology and the profession's interest in youth.

Dog Husbandry Project Moves Forward

We are completing the first year of the Dog Husbandry Project as a pilot program. It appears that 27 States have the project under way. We have also been advised that 12 additional States will undertake pilot work in the program in this coming year. Some people predict that the Dog Husbandry Project will compare in popularity to the saddle horse and pony program in the years ahead. The map in this packet indicates the States accepting the project and those visited by Allen Baker, Program Consultant.

"Letter from A Local 4-H Leader"

Here is one of those unexpected and heart-warming expressions. Fern Kelley was working with the Georgia staff the day Harold Darden received the letter. She asked permission to share it with you.

"Bright Golden Girl" - Dramatic Skit for Discussion Opening

We are indebted to Dorothy Emerson for sharing with us a dramatic skit which can set the stage for lively discussion. "Bright Golden Girl" can be given without any memorizing or pre-study. Pick out a good narrator and two good boys and let them sight-read through the parts. The surprise ending opens the door for discussion on good grooming, clothing selection, etiquette, etc.

Many similar ideas are needed. Watch for stories in current magazine. When you find something really good, please share it with us.

"North Dakota's Rural Youth Citizens in the Making"

This is a leaflet compiled by Pauline M. Reynolds, Extension Agent for Rural Young People, -- a new kind of publication for the young adults and county extension workers.

New 4-H Exhibit Kit - Instructions for Purchase

The exhibit, "Modern 4-H Objectives", is now available from the National Committee at a cost of \$7.35 plus postage. You will remember art work for this was presented to the State Leaders at National 4-H Conference for an opinion on the final layout.

Made to fit on the 3 x 8 foot pegboard like the two previous kits, it will also stand by itself. The wings of this exhibit provide space for local interest material. We have found that by using double-faced masking tape, material will stay in place and when it is removed the finish of the exhibit is in good condition for reuse.

One wing provides for new projects and one for new methods. Publications as well as pictures are suitable. You may want to give suggestions to counties for appropriate material or even supply some good pictures or publications. For new projects, one might use material highlighting teen-age nutrition, dog husbandry, automotive care and safety, horse husbandry, projects highlighting science or older members. For new methods, use of materials showing teaching by T.V., discussion groups, local volunteer leadership or the international aspects of 4-H Club work all are good. You will have many more ideas for this. We would be glad to hear how this is used.

Copies of this instruction sheet were also included with the National 4-H Club Week kits.

Cooperative Printing - New England

The New England Cooperative 4-H Publications Committee has developed a printing routine to facilitate the working together in the publishing of 4-H literature. A copy is enclosed. Polly Rowe of Vermont is the committee chairman.

States will be circularized to learn specific interest in three possible publications: courtesy, camp counselor in training, and developmental needs of youth. In addition, 17 areas of publications were listed as possibilities for joint printing.

ALERTS TO OTHER HELPFUL MATERIALS

4-H Week Kits

Kits are leaving this office sometime this week. They are being mailed to your State Distribution Officer, with one copy being mailed direct to you.

"Food" - The Yearbook of Agriculture--1959

We hope you are fortunate enough to have a reference copy of this most recent yearbook. Major theme is the relationship of food to health. It brings together in easily-understood style the why's of good nutrition. There are special chapters on need of different age groups and various segments of the population. There is also some pertinent information on such related topics as food storage, marketing, freezing, school lunches, etc. Copies are available by purchase only from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., at \$2.25 per copy.

"Clothing Expenditures and Practices of Young Ohio Farm Families"

Here's another in the research series by Christine Hillman. It is a progress report on one phase of a study concerning the income, money disbursements and managerial practices of young Ohio farm families. It points up our need for reaching more girls to give greater experience with problems in clothing construction as well as management as they relate to a family's wardrobe. It is Research Circular 70 from the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.

Educational Materials from J. C. Penney Company

"Fashions and Fabrics" and "Home Fashions and Fabrics" were mailed to State 4-H staff and to subject-matter specialists concerned. We hear many fine comments about this material.

Local distribution to county staff, teachers, and some key 4-H leaders is made by individual store managers. Encourage the county staff to express their interest to the appropriate store manager. In areas where there is no Penney store, individual copies can be requested from the Consumer Service Department, J. C. Penney Co., Inc., 330 W. 34th Street, New York 1.

Jeanne Ayers is the home economist selected to replace Mary Omen on the Penney staff. Jeanne was a Vermont 4-H member and leader and has cooperated with us over a period of years.

Parents Magazine Issue of Family Health

A special family health issue of Parents Magazine which reached our desks in October is devoted entirely to important topics on family health. In our opinion, this was an extremely fine roundup of the latest and best information on five vital health problems.

Tommy Gets the Keys (Film)

There are a number of new useful films on driver education which will be extremely helpful in your 4-H Automotive Project program. A good new one had a premiere showing at the National Press Club here October 1. The title is, "Tommy Gets the Keys", and it runs for 13½ minutes. It features a teen-age boy who typically anticipates the day when he can get keys to the family car and start bursting through the countryside. His parents are concerned. Finally, with the help of a professional race driver, a sane and safe approach to driving is agreed upon and Tommy winds up happily with the keys in his hand. It is especially good for youth showing and will be available through arrangements made by local representatives of the B.F. Goodrich Company.

Extension Editor Surveys Distribution of 4-H Publications

Two-thirds of the States restrict distribution of 4-H publications to members and leaders only, according to a survey by John White, New Mexico's agricultural editor. He received 48 replies, almost a perfect return!

Here is the complete survey and finds:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. In general, do you limit circulation of 4-H publications to 4-H members and leaders <u>only</u> (not counting your automatic circulation to libraries, county agents, other State extension services, etc.)?	32	16
2. If your policy allows for general distribution, do you send them to <u>out-of-States</u> as well?	26	9
3. If your policy allows for out-of-State circulation, do you <u>charge</u> out-of-States for single copies?	5	28
4. Are your 4-H publications distributed <u>only</u> through county extension agents, and not through your State bulletin office?	26	21
5. Do you attempt to <u>promote</u> the circulation of 4-H publications through news releases, radio announcements, lists of publications, etc.?	9	38

Help With Recreation Programs

Grace Walker of the National Recreation Association staff shared an interesting conference with us recently. Miss Walker has worked with several States on

programs in leadership training through creative dramatics. A brochure about her help is now in the preparation stage and will be sent to you early in the year.

Planning With 4-H Foundation Staff

We met recently with the staff of the National 4-H Club Foundation in a brainstorming session about opportunities, needs, and problems ahead in extension youth programs. This is indeed a stimulating experience and one which we recommend for State staffs as well. Suggestions for future program developments on a national or interstate basis are always welcomed by this office or members of the National Foundation staff.

"A Study To Determine Why Rural Youth Quit School"

This study, conducted in three rural Kentucky counties, is reported fully in Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 664, "The Educational Attainment and Future Plans of Kentucky Rural Youth." Interviews were conducted with 480 mothers and 439 young people, 16 and 17 years old. Some of the findings follow:

1. Nearly one-half of the children from poorer families had dropped out of school but only one-fifth of the "better off" families had quit. The 480 families had been divided into two groups of equal number--one-half poorer and one-half "better off."
2. Mothers who believe in formal education tended to keep their children in school.
3. Youth who participated a great deal in school activities tended to continue their formal education; also, those who had satisfactory relationships with the teachers continued in school.
4. Unpaid work at home seemed to influence dropouts; paid work seemed to influence continuing.
5. Youth who valued formal education tended to continue in school as would those doing better in IQ test.

Can the youth and their families through experience in 4-H program develop more favorable attitudes toward formal education? Can youth in 4-H earn some money on their own? Can rural families, including youth, be brought into more community and school activities by the extension program? If the answer is "yes" to these questions, then perhaps we can contribute to influence a larger number of rural youth to obtain at least a high school education.

Erratum - What We Should Know About The National Plan for Civil Defense

The October issue of Ideas contains a misleading statement on page 11 in the item about "What You Should Know About the National Plan for Civil Defense." The second sentence should read: "Through the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization, we have agreed to cooperate in the distribution of certain educational materials."

NEWS OF OUR
CO-WORKERS

New appointments include: James A. Everts in Wisconsin (formerly animal husbandman) and Delores L. Parrott in Illinois (formerly home advisor). Helena T. Penalís is new on the Michigan staff, where she is extension specialist in clothing and textiles, 4-H. Mrs. Nell B. Connell, newest appointee in Pennsylvania, was once a 4-H staff member and had resigned to be married and raise a family. Now she brings a wealth of homemaking and community experience to her new job.

Mitchell Mackey has changed his assignment in Wisconsin. He is Assistant Director, Personnel Development.

Al Gehres of Ohio was named November 1 as Associate State 4-H Club Leader. Formerly he was one of the district supervisors.

The student list at the 4-H Center in Wisconsin now adds R. O. Monosmith of California, Roy Cassell of Maryland, Billy L. Coffindaffer of West Virginia has study leave at Wisconsin through June 30, 1960. Frank Campbell of Wisconsin is at the University of Chicago. Arliss Honstead of Kansas has enrolled at Columbia University. Arleen Barkheim of Minnesota is at Colorado. Glenn Baird of Utah is at the University of Maryland.

Boyd Wheeler, who recently completed an overseas assignment, is now back on the Kentucky staff. His title is field agent in 4-H Extension programs.

Edgar Reeves, Jr., of the Washington staff will now have headquarters at Puyallup. Three of the Extension supervisory staff will be headquartered there.

Ann Thompson, Florida, is now acting State Girls 4-H Club Agent. Emily King, who fills this position, is away on study leave.

Edith Lacy, a recent retiree from the Kentucky staff, is back at home after touring 12 countries in Europe and attending the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World. On her travels, she visited with nine IFYE's who have been in Kentucky. Her address will continue to be: 1901 Nicholasville Road, Lexington.

Lillian Johannesen of Idaho, another 4-H traveler, visited 4-H like programs in various parts of Europe. She is enthusiastic about how the 4-H idea is spreading. Lillian's schedule included summer school at the University of Oslo.

Geraldine Fenn, Montana, had the honor of addressing the annual conference of the American Council on Education, Office of Institutional Projects Abroad, held recently in Washington, D. C.

Florence Forbes, a former 4-H staff member in Iowa, died in October. She had been living in Iowa, following her retirement from the Extension staff in Wyoming.

Marriages among State 4-H workers include: Nancy M. Critz in Mississippi, Delphia B. Dirks of South Dakota and Sarah Allen Thomas of South Carolina.

Mrs. Martha Harrison of Georgia is changing her assignment to that of District Agent for the district which includes Athens. This will mean less travel for her. Martha has been outstanding in her 4-H accomplishments--both in Georgia and in the Nation. Marian S. Fisher will now have the title of 4-H Club Leader.

When Paul Moore enrolls at Wisconsin in February, C. W. "Brick" Vaughn will fill the position as acting State 4-H Club Leader in Montana. Paul will be beginning doctoral study.

We join in welcoming Troy Kight as the associate editor of National 4-H News. He is a native Oklahoman and has recently been assistant editor on the Arkansas Extension Information staff. He has also had experience on farm publications, as news editor on a T.V. station, and has worked with Extension in three different States.

IN CLOSING

The Illinois 4-H Letter for Local Leaders had this statement which we like:

What Is Character?

In a home, it is kindness;
In business, it is honesty;
In society, it is courtesy;
In work, it is thoroughness;
In play, it is fairness.
Toward the fortunate, it is congratulations;
Toward the unfortunate, it is sympathy;
Toward the weak, it is help;
Toward the strong, it is trust;
Toward the penitent, it is forgiveness;
And toward God, it is reverence and love.

Sincerely yours,

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